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SUBJECT: CIVIAR: USER CHARGES

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY INFORMATION ON CERTAIN MAJOR COST ITEMS, WHICH WE HOPE WILL ASSIST TEAM IN MAKING PRELIMINARY ANLYSIS. CONSIDERABLY MORE DETAILED DATA IS CONTAINED IN AIRGRAM UNDER PREPARATION, WHICH WILL ARRIVE DEPARTMENT ONLY AFTER TEAMS DEPARTURE.

2. CHARGES REPORTED BELOW ARE FOR FIRST CLASS AIRPORT, AIRCRAFT WEIGHING BETWEEN 81 AND 170 TONS., AND ONLY FOR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS. AMOUNTS EXPRESSED IN ARGENTINE PESOS. DATES ARE FOR YEAR 1976.

ITEM JAN. 1 APR. 1 SEPT. 1 (A)

(ARGENTINE PESOS PER TON)

LANDING FEES 110 220 925

LANDING FEE SURCHARGES 7.2 15 125

PARKING RATE 0.5 1.2 5

PARKING RATE SURCHARGES 7.2 15 2.5 ENROUTE FLIGHT PROTECTION 0.0832 0.17 0.7

(A) SINCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1976 CHARGES FOR INTERNATIONAL AERONAUTICAL SERVICES WERE FIXED IN U.S. DOLLARS; HOWEVER, PAYMENTS MUST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE MADE IN ARGENTINE CURRENCY AT THE EXCHANGE RATE USED BY THE AIRLINES IN THEIR TRANSACTIONS. FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES THESE U.S. DOLLAR CHARGES WERE CONVERTED TO PESOS AT THE EXCHANGE RATE PREVAILING ON SEPTEMBER 1 (ONE DOLLAR EQUALS 250 PESOS).

3. INFLATION RATE: THE CONSUMER'S PRICE INDEX FOR BUENOS AIRES ROSE 311 PERCENT BETWEEN OCTOBER 1975 AND APRIL 1976 (PERIOD

IN WHICH CHARGES LISTED IN FIRST COLUMN WERE IN FORCE); AND 40 PERCENT BETWEEN APRIL AND SEPTEMBER 1976. ANNUAL INFLATION RATE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1976 WAS 347.5 PERCENT (DEC 1975/DEC.1976). HILL

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